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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2019–0051; FXIA16710900000–190–FF09A30000]

Foreign Endangered Species; Receipt of Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications to conduct certain activities with foreign species that are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. The ESA also requires that we invite public comment before issuing permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species.

DATES: We must receive comments by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive will be available for public inspection at <http://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS–HQ–IA–2019–0051.

Submitting Comments: When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket

No. FWS–HQ–IA–2019–0051.

- *U.S. mail or hand-delivery:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No.

FWS–HQ–IA–2019–0051; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS:

PERMA; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

For more information, see **Public Comment Procedures** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703–358–2104, via email at DMAFR@fws.gov, or via the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How Do I Comment on Submitted Applications?

We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider comments sent by email or fax, or to an address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not consider or include in our administrative record comments we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please specify the name of the applicant and the permit number at the beginning of your comment. Provide sufficient information to allow us to authenticate any scientific or commercial data you include. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are:

(1) Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and (2) those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

B. May I Review Comments Submitted by Others?

You may view and comment on others' public comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

C. Who Will See My Comments?

If you submit a comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

II. Background

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we invite public comments on permit applications before final action is taken. With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits certain activities with listed species unless Federal authorization is issued that allows such activities. Permits issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA allow otherwise prohibited activities for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species. Service

regulations regarding prohibited activities with endangered species, captive-bred wildlife registrations, and permits for any activity otherwise prohibited by the ESA with respect to any endangered species are available in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations in part 17.

III. Permit Applications

We invite comments on the following applications.

Applicant: Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN; Permit No. 26396D

The applicant requests a permit to re-export biological samples of giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*) to Shanghai Zoo, Shanghai, China, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single re-export.

Applicant: Wildwood Wildlife Park and Nature Center, Inc., Minocqua, WI; Permit No. 31011D

The applicant requests a permit to purchase in interstate commerce five male and five female captive hatched African penguin (*Spheniscus demersus*) from Richmond Metro Zoo Mosely, VA, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species. This notification is for a single interstate commerce activity.

Applicant: Duke University Lemur Center, Durham, NC; Permit No. 48515B

The applicant requests a permit to conduct interstate and foreign commerce of animals listed under the ESA for captive-born and wild source animals of the family Lemuridae (lemurs), Genus Indri (wooly lemurs) and Propithecus (sifakas), and aye-aye (*Daubentonia madagascariensis*), pygmy slow loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*), and

Philippine tarsier (*Tarsius syrichta*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Kathryn Everson/University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; Permit No. 36412D

The applicant requests a permit to import 12 tubes of DNA samples from wild source Milne-Edwards' sportive lemur (*Lepilemur edwardsi*), Sambirano mouse lemur (*Microcebus sambiranensis*) and Danfoss' mouse lemur (*Microcebus danfossi*) for the purpose of scientific research. This notification is for a single import.

Applicant: Y.O. Schreiner Ranch, Mountain Home, TX; Permit No. 02439D

The applicant requests a captive-bred wildlife registration under 50 CFR 17.21(g) for swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) to enhance the propagation or survival of the species. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Y.O. Schreiner Ranch, Mountain Home, TX; Permit No. 02441D

The applicant requests a permit authorizing the culling of excess swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii*) from the captive herd maintained at their facility, to enhance the species' propagation and survival. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Multiple Trophy Applicants

The following applicants request permits to import sport-hunted trophies of male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancing the propagation or survival of the species.

Applicant: Arnold Beck, Spring Creek, NV; Permit No. 32317D

Applicant: Micajah Boatright, Kingwood, TX; Permit No. 37707D

Applicant: Curtis Jones, Kerrville, TX; Permit No. 37668D

Applicant: Douglas Pruett, Texarkana, AR; Permit No. 31036D

Applicant: David Seenno, Concord, CA; Permit No. 33365D

Applicant: Charles Green, Fort Worth, TX; Permit No. 22214D

Applicant: Brian Bailey, Roswell, NM; Permit No. 33361D

Applicant: Marianne Kelley, Oklahoma City, OK; Permit No. 37949D

Applicant: Thomas Edlund, Arvada, CO; Permit No. 37099D

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <http://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for “12345A”.

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

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